

LYNCHING MOB REPULSED.

**ALABAMA SHERIFF DEFENDS A
NEGRO WITH SUCCESS.**

**The Man Had Been Sentenced to Death
for Assault—Mob Clamored for Him
So as to Kill Him at Once—Shotguns
Were Used in Driving the Men Off.**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 22.—Ashville, Ala., the county seat of St. Clair county, was the scene of a fight this morning between a mob of 400 persons and a Sheriff's posse. The mob was making an attempt to secure Jim Brown, a negro, who had just been tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged for an assault upon a young white girl of Springville.

More than one hundred shots were fired by the members of the mob, and the de-

leaders of the negro. Two men and one boy were shot by the Sheriff's guards. One man will die, while the other two are suffering intensely. The wounded are: Walter Blankenship, shot through the head with a rifle ball, will die; Arthur Blankenship, shot in the head and shoulder with buckshot; Willis Hanby, slightly shot in the head and shoulders by shot of small calibre. None of the deputies of the Sheriff's posse was wounded.

After the shooting and while members of the mob were in search of reinforcements and ammunition, the negro was

by two deputies, who managed to run him through the country for several miles. They finally succeeded in flagging a freight train, bringing the negro to Birmingham, where he is safely locked in the county jail.

While on the train the negro confessed the crime. The trial of the negro was held in the city of Birmingham. A young woman, Miss Garrett, told the story of the crime, and identified the negro as the assailant. No witnesses were introduced by the defence.

Judge Thomas presiding, sentenced Brown to be hanged on Sept. 20. After the sentence was pronounced members of the mob attempted to make the Sheriff promise to keep the prisoner in Ashville, but he refused. The mob then made the attempt to remove the negro from the Court House. Sheriff North refused and the fight

UPHOLDS PIERCE CITY MOB.
Quartermaster-General of Missouri Wants
Boys to Keep Their Guns.
 St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 22.—Upon a warrant sent to Springfield from Pierce City, charging murder, Joe Lark the "Frisco" porter, was arrested and will be held there until it is considered safe to take him to Pierce City to stand trial. The death of Miss Gazzella Wilde is laid at his door. Gene Barrett, in jail at Mount Vernon, is said to

the terrible crime all through the summer and that they all expected two girls instead of one, as Miss Wade's sister usually accompanied him. At the time of the murder, he, Harvey, was standing about twenty feet away from them. He said, he saw, that the girls both turned around. Faxon asked, Faxon is under arrest in the State of Georgia?

Q. Eugene Newton of Springfield, Missouri, General of the National Guard of Missouri, created somewhat of a sensation here by upholding the work of the mob, which lynched three negroes at Pierce City. In part, he said: "They wanted me to order the return of all rifles taken from a regiment in the Pierce City district."

But I am grateful to you and to the people who support their guns. I think the people down here were able to take care of their own affairs. That nigger chase we had was right, down to the ground. It was right and if they get that fellow Lark back they will shoot or burn him or do both. I will not order the rifles taken up.

"Officially I don't know there has been a lynching and I am going where there is no rural delivery, and telegraph companies have no lines laid."

NEGROES NOT HOSTILE TO WHITES

Attempt to Allay the Race Feeling Prevalent in North Louisiana.

weeks racial distrust and apprehension have existed in north Louisiana, particularly in Rapeland, Franklin, West Carroll, Morehouse, Ouachita and Caldwell, growing out of the belief on the part of many of the whites that the negro secret societies of that region are organized for the purpose of killing the whites and the panic aroused among the negroes by lynching and regulating. An effort was made to quell the excitement.

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The Tenth District African Baptist Association meeting in that district today was held at Rayville, La., and it was ascertained that no organization of negroes unfriendly to the whites, or for the purpose of interfering with labor and that there is no legitimate cause for the many cases of the mad treatment of bonded and industrious negroes by the white citizens to protect the wives and daughters of the negroes and to protect the negro organization formed for benevolent and fraternal purposes.

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several who attended meetings during the excitement.

FEARED HE WOULD BE LYNCHED

Innocent Negro Commits Suicide Because He Dreaded a Mob.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 22.—Another sui-

side growing out of fear of lynching is recorded in Mississippi. Charles Williams, a negro convict working at the Oakley convict farm in Hinds county, killed himself by drinking a flask of carbolic acid

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The ex-convict's greatly indebted William, who was afraid that the mob would come to Oakley after Dinnington and Lynch, told the confided his fears to a number of fellow ex-convicts who tried to reassure him in a letter. In this letter he wrote, "I am giving an opportunity to kill himself with criticism and to die so."

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